

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 3442 - SB 3414**

March 2, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Extends from 15 to 28 days the period of time in which a hearing must be held on an ex parte order of protection in cases of domestic abuse. Requires the court to make a specific finding that the person has committed domestic abuse for the court to extend an order of protection following a hearing. Establishes that a violation of an order of protection or ex parte order of protection is grounds for arrest. Requires an officer who has probable cause to believe a person is a victim of domestic abuse, stalking, or sexual assault to make a complete report and file the report with the officer's supervisor. The supervisor is required to review the report and forward to a magistrate or judge for issuance of an order of protection.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Local Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation may decrease the number of cases for which a witness may be compensated by a county government, a governmental entity subpoenaing a party, or by private party. Any decrease in local government expenditures as a result of compensating fewer witnesses will not be significant.
- There will not be significant increases in arrests as a result of violations of ex parte orders of protection. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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